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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 2753

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, UR

SUBJ: LEONID BREZHNEV TO VISIT SYRIA

1. SYRIAN GOVERNMENT NOVEMBER 19, ANNOUNCED THAT BREZHNEV WILL PAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO SYRIA DURING SECOND HALF OF JAN 1975. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS, RADIO AND TV.

2. COMMENT: TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT AND EXTENT OF COVERAGE GIVEN IT AT THIS TIME CLEARLY CALCULATED TO UNDERSCORE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND SOVIET UNION AND SOVIET SUPPORT FOR SYRIA AGAINST BACKGROUND OF ISRAELI  
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MOBILIZATION. THIS REPRESENTS SECOND MAJOR PUBLICITY GIVEN

SOVIET/SYRIAN TIES THIS WEEK -- FIRST BEING THE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT OF SOVIET FLEET TO LATAKIA  
NOVEMBER 20-25. IN ADDITION, SARG HAS THROUGHOUT CUR-  
RENT PERIOD MIDDLE EAST TENSION PROMINENTLY COVERED  
VARIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT ASAD AND THE  
SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND ASAD'S RECEIPT OF MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV.

3. SYRIANS NORMALLY HAVE AVERSION TO ADMISSION OF DEPENDENCE  
ON ANY OTHER POWER. SINCE ISRAELIS AND REST OF US ARE WELL  
AWARE OF DEGREE SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THIS COUNTRY, CONCLUDE THIS  
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN REFLECTS UNUSUAL DEGREE EDGINESS OF SYRIAN  
LEADERSHIP ABOUT POSSIBLE ISRAELI ATTACK.  
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